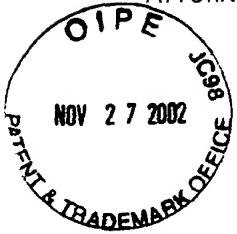




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 For: **HLA Binding Peptides and Their Uses**
 Inventor: SETTE *et al.*
 Art Unit: 1644

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17);
2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116;
4. Information Disclosure Statement;
5. Form PTO-1449 (26 pages) citing 94 documents;
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	Filing Date	February 3, 1998	
	First Named Inventor	Alessandro SETTE	
	Group Art Unit	1644	
	Examiner Name	M. DiBrino	
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